



Town of Garrett Park  
PO Box 84  
4600 Waverly Avenue  
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council  
Public Teleconference

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## **Town Council Meeting: March 8, 2021**

### **MINUTES**

**Call to Order (7:30 PM)** – Mayor Kacky called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present on the call were Councilmembers Gerilee Bennett, Mario Grande, Stephen Paczkowski, Phil Schulp, and Dan Simons. Also on the call were Town Manager Andrea Fox, Bugle Reporter Ed Lincoln, and approximately three residents.

**Approval of Agenda (7:31 PM)** – Mayor Kacky added the New Business item Garrett Park Phone Directory. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

**Approval of Minutes (7:33 PM)** – The February 8, 2021 Town Council Meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

#### **Presentation by Residents (7:33 PM)**

- *Town Election 2021 Candidate Nominations – Citizens Association Secretary Steve Welker.* The Citizens Association will host the Town Election 2021 candidate nominations meeting on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM via Zoom. An invite will be sent to residents.

#### **Action (7:35 PM)**

- *Adoption of Ordinance 2021-2, FY21 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment – Town Manager Fox.* Manager Fox presented Ordinance 2021-2 to Council for their consideration. Councilmember Grande moved to adopt the ordinance and it was unanimously approved.
- *Adoption of Charter Amendment Resolution 2021-1 (Town Elections 2021) – Town Manager Fox.* Manager Fox presented Resolution 2021-1 to Council for their consideration. Councilmember Grande moved to adopt the resolution and it was unanimously approved.
- *Adoption of Ordinance 2021-3, Town Elections 2021 – Town Manager Andrea Fox.* Manager Fox presented Ordinance 2021-3 and the associated Town Election Plan 2021 to Council for their consideration. The Town Election Plan 2021 was amended to enable candidate nominations to occur at the Candidate Nomination Meeting or via email (by March 26, 2021 at 11:59 PM), and to further clarify that each ballot should be mailed in its own envelope. Councilmember Schulp moved to adopt the ordinance and it was unanimously approved.

#### **New Business (8:23 PM)**

- *Security Cameras on Town Streets – Councilmember Schulp.* There were 22 residents who submitted responses to Councilmember Schulp about security cameras. Among the respondents, most did not support the installation of

cameras; concerns included racial profiling and privacy. It is recommended the Town not take any action at this time.

- *Garett Park Phone Directory – Mayor Kacky.* Residents asked for a new, updated paper phone directory. The Citizens Association will discuss if they are able to assist with this project and will report back at the April Town Council meeting.

#### **Town Updates 8:34 PM**

- *SRTS – Mayor Kacky.* The striping is complete, and the stormwater ponding on Kenilworth has been fixed. Work is still needed at the lead walk at 10930 Clermont, and the asphalt curb by the construction entrance.
- *Train Horn – Councilmembers Simons and Schulp.* The Citizens Association meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> will include time to discuss the train horn. The consultant the Town hired will share information with residents, conduct a poll, and bring that information back to Council to analyze.
- *Arboretum & Porcupine Woods Restoration Project – Councilmember Bennett.* The Town issued an RFP for the Porcupine Woods outfall restoration. The RFP closed February 29<sup>th</sup>, and the subcommittee is reviewing bids. Work will begin spring/early summer, and there will be deer and cicada protection.
- *Strathmore Redevelopment – Councilmember Bennett.* A small community group participated in a briefing with EYA, the developers of 4910/4920 Strathmore Avenue. EYA submitted the local map amendment application, and there will be a hearing this fall, with preliminary plans by Summer 2022.
- *Stormwater – Councilmember Schulp.* The stormwater project at the end of Rokeby will be split into three parts: 1) a topographical survey from the railroad tracks to behind 11404 Rokeby Avenue 2) changes along the route of the stream 3) the crossing of the stream with a bridge or pipe.
- *Town Hall – Councilmember Paczkowski.* Councilmember Paczkowski will present on Town Hall programming and planning concepts during a Zoom call on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM.
- *Historic Preservation Committee – Councilmember Paczkowski.* The HPC has been researching historic preservation tax credits. The County had a good presentation on historic preservation tax credits, and residents who would need a historic area work permit are encouraged to listen. The HPC plans to create a seminar to review the procedures and do a Q&A with residents who have been through this process before.
- *Archives – Councilmember Grande.* (Contract) Town Archivist Claire McDonald is sorting and indexing old Town records. Old records from the Garrett Park Players will be digitized and put online.

**Town Managers Financial Report & Town Manager's Report – Town Manager Fox** summarized the February Financial Report and Town Manager Report.

**Mayor Kacky adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM.**

Signed,



Andrea Fox, Clerk-Treasurer

